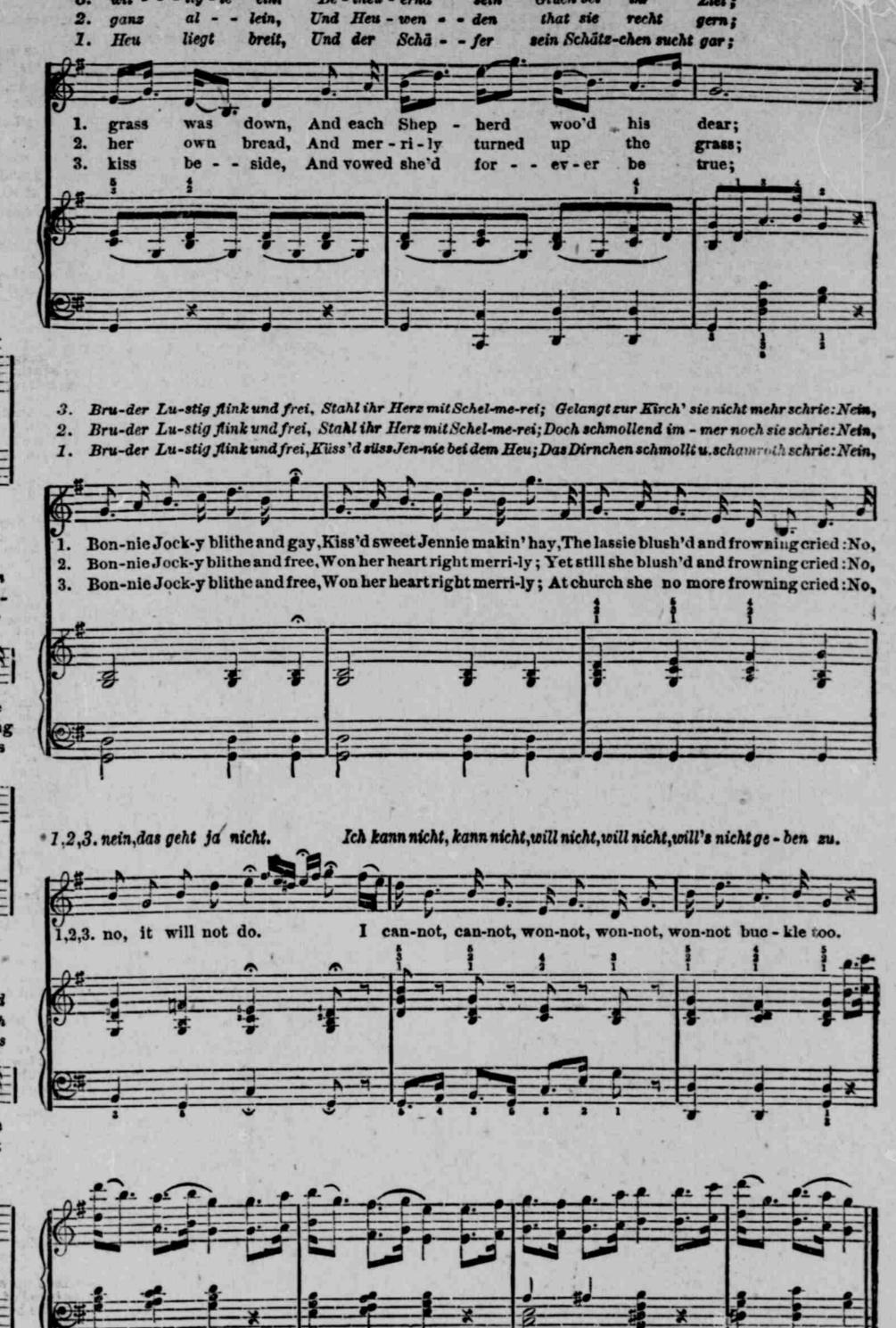
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READING FOR THE SABBATH.

He Knows. He knows the bitter, weary way, The endless striving, day by day: The souls that weep, the souls that pray,

He knows how hard the fight hath been. The clouds that come our lives between. The wound the world hath never seen,

He knows when faint and worn we sink; How deep the pain, how near the brink Of dark despair we pause and shrink, He knows! He knows! O thought so full of bliss! For though on earth our joys we miss, We still can bear it; feeling this—

He knows!

He knows! O heart, take up thy cross. And know earth's treasures are but dross, And he will prove as gain our loss! -Boston Transcript.

International Sunday-School Lesson for Aug. 18.

SAUL REJECTED BY THE LORD .- 1 Sam. xv. 10-23. Golden Text-Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from

being king.-1 Sam. xv. 23. Mon.-Exod. xvii, 8-16. Moses and the Amale-

Tu.-1 Sam. xiii, 5-14. Saul's first disobedience. Wed .- 1 Sam. xv, 1.9. Saul and the Amale Th.-1 Sam xv, 10-31. Saul rejected. Fri.-Mic. vi, 1-9. Obedience better than sacri-

Sat.—Deut. xi, 13-28. Heart obedience. Sun.—Prov. iv, 19-27. Keeping the heart. The obvious purpose of the historian is to give only so much of Saul's history as throws light on the causes for his rejection from the kingdom. The test of Saul's fit-ness for the position was to be his obedience to the divine will. The history intervening between our last and present lessons gives an account of three specific acts of dis-obedience. First, in the matter of begin-

ning battle with the Philistines before the appearance of Samuel; second, the foolish wow by which Jonathan's life was needlessly endangered and the people tempted to sin; third, his refusal to carry out the command for the utter extinction of the Amalekites. It is conjectured from the fact that Jonathan is represented in the flush of young manhood that Saul had been King now for fifteen or twenty years, and that in the main he had been successful and popular.

What the Lesson Teaches. New York Independent.

All parts of the Bible are not equally interesting to Sunday-school scholars, nor are all equally useful. The Bible is meant to accomplish a great many ends, and for a great many people. The Inter-national Sunday-school course is only one of these ends. Students, ethnologists, theologians study this book for different reasons. What is dry as hay to the child is rich food to the historical scholar. It is necessary to read a great deal that is mere history to reach some of the important truths. Probably the committee who chose this lesson had the twenty-second verse in view. The wise teacher acknowledges that there are many dark. Oriental settings in the Bible to an eternal, many-faceted truth. Samuel, in spite of his age and good

works, was not altogether the best of mod-els. He was downright angry that when he had given up his power to Saul the experiment was not a success. It is not uncommon in fits of temper or disappointment to deliver unto God a long monologue and call it prayer. Samuel's night did not seem to soften him, for next day he cut Agag to pieces with his own hand; but those were rude days, when they groped after the truth, and Samuel was as sturdy for the right in his way as Lincoln was in his.

Saul sinned with the people. They were greedy for wealth. The crime is too common a one to-day. Never was wealth acquired with such marvelous rapidity as in our age. Never has it commanded such adoration. It is the most alluring intox-icant to become rich. When money is made to give to God for the relief of suffering, or the instruction of those that know not Christ, then wealth is a blessing and the

acquisition of it an honorable calling. ment for heathen was death. It used to be the fashion utterly to destroy the enemies of God. Christ has taught us better. They should be reformed through any practicable means; but at the basis of each trial to save human beings there should be one cardinal virtue—brotherly kindness.

But the central thought of the lesson is

Thoughts for the Dayt.

Conviction, were it never so excellent, is worthless till it convert itself into conduct.—Carlyle.

A godly life is a grand sermon. Every one can preach such resermon, and it will dyspepsia is ever very good.

obedience to God. Saul found out to his cost that it did not pay to bring up excuses in the face of flagrant rebellion. God lays His commands as heavily upon us as upon Saul. They are different, though, in the light of other environment. We court destruction as surely in the higher law of life when we disobey God as the child does who defies the facts that fire burns and water drowns. The commands of God are as scientific and as reasonable as the commands of an engineer to step off the iron track; but it is far more dangerous to disregard the former than the latter. These commands come to each one in his peculiar way. God promulgates an eternal decree that you should make the most of yourself in His way; and His way is, so far as the world has yet discovered, the best way

given to man. Every one, like Saul, has his peculiarly weak spot, and every one knows just what the trouble is, no matter how ignorant he may profess to be. To conquer that one sin that dominates your life may gain you the inheritance of Christ. No one knows just when the lack of will to blot out a sin shall project his soul away from God. As one defective bolt in a complex machine may wreck a train, so one sin that is tolerated may wreck a character for all eternity

General Church News. Forty ladies have already passed the committee on application, and are accepted as students for next year in the Chicago training-school for missions.

by its insidious poisoning.

The Christian World, of London, is the largest religious paper in the world. In matters of doctrine it favors the advanced views of Canon Farrar and Drs. Lyman Abbott and Egbert Smith.

The Congregational Church, in Stratford, Conn., will celebrate the two-hundred-anddiffieth anniversary of its organization on Sept. 5. A communion service, historical papers, and other exercises will constitute the programme.

According to the minutes of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, just issued, there are 265 ministers, 442 congregations, and 101,846 members in that body. The total additions during the year numbered 8.468: total losses, 3.600.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South is being supplied with a new hymn-book. published by the Southern Book Corcern. The demand for the new book is so great that it is impossible for the publishers to fill their orders as fast as they are received. An exchange says that there are in the city of Rome 30 cardinals, 35 bishops, 1,469 priests, 2,382 monks and 2,215 nuns, and yet 190,000 of the inhabitants can neither read nor write. If this be the case where so large a portion of the inhabitants are preachers and teachers, what a sublime failure the Roman Catholic system of edu-

cation must be.-New York Advocate. The much-heralded fact that Hartford Theological Seminary has opened its doors to women leads a graduate of Oberlin to remark that that institution has been open to women for fifty years, and that a good 1 many have studied there. Out of the abundant data afforded by this long-continued experiment in co-education, President Fairchild has compiled an interesting article, which appears in the Biblioth eca

Sacra for July. Rev. Newman Smyth, says the Har oford Religious Herald, referred in his serry on at Center Church, in New Haven, Sund ay, to the desirability of handsome interfors to the churches. His text was II Kings ix, 17, "Lord, I pray thee open his eyes / hat he may see." His theme was, "Moral I magination." He said the Catholic churc hes and the services in them appealed to the imagination and had attractions which were helpful and profitable unto righte pusness.

"There is a suspicion in cer' ain quar-ters," says the Christian Advocate (Methodist), "which is no longer a recret, that the commercial element enters too largely into the ambition of certain m inisters. No one is so bold as to say that the average minister is too well paid, but it is positively asserted that not a few minif ters consider the amount of salary the me ssure of their grade. Some preachers w no have been by committees with reference to prospective pastorates. They insist that they must have so much; they have never preached for less, and do not inten d to, and that to accept less would be to descline in grade."

correspendent that his skiff rested almost over the body, and that he let the pole follow right down by the side of the skiff, touching the body almost immediately. This was said in the presence of several eye-witnesses, who corroborated his statement.

not only be read, but it will exert a wide influence.-Christian Advocate. Mr. Gladstone recently said to Dr. T. L. Cuyler, "I thank God for the Sabbath, with its rest for body and soul." If we would have God hear what we say

to Him by prayer, we must be ready to hear what He saith to us by his word.—Matthew The Burlington Free Press places the subject of parental training in a clearer light

than some persons see it when it says,
"You can't bring up a child in the right
way unless you happen to be traveling that
way yourself." "The Bible," says the Rev. Dr. Bruce, "is an excellent book for the purposes of prac-

an excellent book for the purposes of practical religion, but rather a tantalizing book for the scholastic theologian. Its writers know nothing of the caution and reserve of the system-maker, but express themselves in strong, unqualified terms which are the torment of the dogmatist and the despair of the controversialist."

Men, when in health and strength, whether old or young, should, as to their spiritual and immortal interests, try to think the thoughts that they will need to think and wish to think when they hear the final summons to leave this world. Thus thinking, they will prepare their own minds to hear this summons, as they otherwise certainly will not do.—The Independent.

Life is a burden if you take it, Life is a triumph, if you make it; The wind blows in, the bright beams shine, The noble soul makes life divine. -James B. Wiggin.

And others' follies teach me not. Nor much their wisdom teaches: And most of sterling worth is what Our own experiences preaches.

The quality of mercy is not strained; It droppeth like the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath.
We do pray for mercy; And that same prayer doth teach us all to render The deeds of mercy. -Shakespeare.

> Patient endurance Attaineth to all things; Who God possesseth In nothing is wanting: Alone God sufficeth. -Santa Theresa's Book-Mark.

A SINGULAR CUSTOM. Hoye Bodies of Drowned Men Are Found by

Aid of Their Shirts. Or agon (Mo.) Special to St. Louis Globe-Democrat. An extraordinary evidence of the reasonbleness of an old-time superstition was given here yesterday, when the body of a young man who had been drowned was found by placing one of the deceased's shirts on the water's surface and following it in a boat until it sank. The young man's name was Ryan, and he was drowned while bathing in the Nodaway river in company with several acquaintances. Ry-an got out of his depth and was drowned before any of the more accomplished swimmers could get to his assistance. The alarm was given, but it was some hours be-fore search could be made for the body. After every effort had been made by dragging and diving, it was suggested to throw the shirthe had on just before he went in into the water. Near the same place a man was drowned in the Nodaway river a few years ago, and his body had been found by the same experiment. The custom requires that the shirt be thrown in about where the drowned one entered the stream. Agreeably to custom, Mr. Taylor, a resident of the neighborhood, spread out the shirt with the bosom downwards and arms stretched out on the water, and let it float on down the stream as it would. He followed slowly after it in a skiff. After the shirt had floated along for about one hundred feet, it suddenly sank plumb down. The man hurried with the skiff, and was close by when the last vestige of the garment was seen. Then he stopped and felt down with a long pole right after the shirt, and touched the body with the end of the pole. He told the Globe-Democrat correspondent that his skiff rested almost

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

A recent census taken by French consuls shows that only 408,000 Frenchmen are re-

siding abroad. Four million pounds a day will be the capacity of Claus Spreckels's new Phila-delphia sugar refinery.

An eleven-inch steel shell costs the Navy Department \$135, making a full-sized eleven-inch bombardment an expensive Mrs. Beck, an old lady of New York, was

so startled by a boy throwing a dead cat at her that she was stricken with a fit of apoplexy and died. A rustic bridge just completed in Houston county, Georgia, contains fifty-seven different kinds of wood and vines, and all

were grown in the county. A Quebec paper says that steamers are rapidly supplanting sailing vessels in the lumber trade. Five large ocean steamers are now taking in full cargoes of lumber at that port.

An accumulator and small incandescent lamp are so arranged in England that by dropping a small coin in a slot the circuit is closed and light is furnished for quite a little time. Judge Charles Ridgely, of Mineral coun

ty, West Virginia, owns a horse that will eat anything that man will except a lemon. He is very fond of plug chewing tobacco, and swallows it with a relish. A lot of old letters having upon them stamps issued by the postmaster at St. Louis in 1845 were recently found at Galena,

Ill. The denominations were 10 and 20 cents, both of which are extremely rare. A little boy of only nine years arrived in Pomona, Cal., a few days ago, after having made a journey of over 6,000 miles from Lincolnshire, England, entirely alone. He had a tag fastened to his clothes and \$200 in his pockets.

During the flood at Rockford, W. Va., a young lady, who lost her voice last fall, stumbled and fell while escaping from the water, and tried to scream for help. She immediately recovered her voice and can speak as well as ever.

A man of science in Vienna has published statistics, showing that one smoker contracts diphtheria to three non-smokers. His theory is that tobacco smoke protects the throat against microbes very much as it cestious parasites on roses.

West Virginia claims to have the strongest man in the world. His name is Matt Kramer, of Putnam county. He is said to have raised a few days ago, apparently with ease, a pedestal weighing 1,300 pounds, and held it aloft above his head for several seconds.

The Russians are increasing in the use of naphtha refuse as fuel. Manufacturers and railways are adopting it, and it is even used for domestic purposes in stoves specially constructed for it. It is 35 per cent. cheaper than wood or coal, and occupies much less space in storage. At Atlanta, a few days ago, while Miss Mamie Nelson was dressing a large, fat hen,

she found a needle sticking through the gizzard, the point penetrating the heart. The needle was black and looked as if it was working its way out. The towl was perfectly healthy. The Viceroy of Fukien and Chekiang, China, has issued a proclamation against the drowning of female children, which

has been common of late. Hereafter the

penalty provided by law, which is sixty

blows of the bamboo and one year's bau-

ishment, will be enforced. A stove manufacturer says: "It is a curious fact, proved by forty years' observa-tion, that the stove trade moves in cycles of eleven years, each made up of four years of upward tendencies in prices, followed by a downward sweep of seven years. We are now in one of the latter periods."

A system of building houses entirely cf sheet iron has been communicated to the Society of Architecture in Paris. The walls, partitions, roofs and wainscoting are composed of double metallic sheets, separated by an air mattress, which is surrounded by different non-conductors of heat.

Some experiments lately made at the Royal Polytechnic School at Munich show that the strength of camel-hair belting reaches 6,315 pounds per square inch; while that of ordinary belting ranges between 2,250 and 5,260 pounds per square inch. The camel-hair belt is unaffected by acids.

Light-keeper Elliott, of Gasparilla Isle, Fla., found a 100-pound bombshell on the

spark of fire from the chisel as he chipped the shell would have necessitated the ap-

pointment of a new light-house keeper. From a recent study of the bones of anthropoid apes, it appears that the gorilla and chimpanzee approach nearest to man, but in different degrees, the orang-outang holding the third place. But great differences exist between the proportions of the human frame and those of all the apes.

A veteran locomotive engineer named William Bradley, while running between Fruitvale and San Leandro, Cal., ran into what appeared to be a small cloud, sweeping close to the ground, but what was in reality a swarm of bees. The cab was literally filled with bees for a few minutes, but neither he nor his fireman was stung.

A remarkable instance of long-continued service in the employment of a single concern is furnished in the case of Smith B. Freeman, who died recently on Staten island at the age of eighty-two years, after having been continuously employed by the Staten island dyeing establishment since organization in 1819, a period of seventy

While Mrs. Chas. Rindesbacker, of Stock-ton, Ill., was visiting friends in Mankato, Minn., she was sitting talking with a friend one evening, when she was startled to see her sister's face at the window. She made a sudden outcry, and her companion also saw and recognized the apparition. The next morning she received a telegram from Stockton stating that her sister had died at the very hour and minute that she had seen

the face at the window. Canada has 124,589 Indians, of whom 37,-944 are in British Columbia, 26,368 in Manitoba and the Northwestern Territory, 17,770 in Ontario, 12,465 in Quebec, 8,000 in Athabaska, 7,000 in the Mackenzie district, 4,016 in Eastern Rupert's Land, 4.000 on the Arctic coasts, 2,145 in New Scotland, 2,038 in the Reese river district, 1,594 in New Brunswick, 1,000 in the interior of Labrador, and 319 in Prince Edward's Island.

A verdict of death from tight lacing comes from a Birmingham jury, expressed as a verdict of "death from pressure round the waist." The subject was a servant girl, who died after a fright, and her death was attributed by the medical witnesses to the fact that she was laced too tightly to enable her to stand any sudden emotion. She was a notorious tight lacer, not only at the waist. Her collar fitted so closely that it was impossible to loosen it at the critical moment. Under her corsets she wore a tightly buckled belt.

How Do I Love Thee?

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways: I love thee to the depth, and breadth, and My soul can reach when feeling out of sight For the ends of being and ideal grace.

I love thee to the level of every day's

Most quiet need by sun and candle light.

I love thee freely as men strive for right; I love thee purely as they turn from praise;
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs and with my childhood's faith.

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose With my lost saints. I love thee with the Smiles, tears of all my life! And if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death. -Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

"Too Thin" Not Slang,

Pittsburg Dispatch.

too thin, sir."

"Too thin" is a two-worded phrase heard in all classes of society. By some it is used in a vulgar sense, and is objectionable slang; by others it is used in the manner which gave it to us as a good word. To say, when speaking of an action, "Oh, that is too thin," is vulgar slang, because an action cannot be thin. But to say, when a person makes a statement which is calculated to mislead, "Oh, that is too thin," is not slang. It was given currency by the Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, in

the United States Congress in 1870. Some member had made a rerly to Mr. Stephens, and the latter had his caair wheeled out in the aisle and said in that shrill, piping voice, which always commanded silence; "Mr. Speaker, the gentleman's arguments are gratuitous assertions made up of whole cloth. And cloth, sir, so gauzy and thin that it will not hold water. It is entirely

Didn't Want to Be Officious. Albany Journal.

Men who work in Rondout brick-yards should be taught their duty. Hastily sum-moned by a woman who had found a wouldbe suicide hanging, and yet alive, they de-clined to cut him down, fearing they had no right to do so until the corner arrived. App island the other day, and proceeded to open it with a chisel. When he succeeded, and saw that it was filled with perfectly good powder, his hair fairly stood on end, One case—by the time he got there.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A Job Lot. Miss Gushleigh-They say marriages are made in heaven. Miss De Linnette-Well, if they are it is plain that pauper labor is creeping in even

Tragedy in Real Life. The Epoch Husband (at the opera) - See how pale Mrs. Upwell is! I never saw her so affected by tragedy before.

Wife (sagaciously)-Itisn't that-her back hair is coming down.

Beauty Unadorned. Young Lady Bather (to nice old gentle-man at Narragansett pier)—Don't you think that my bathing-suit is perfectly lovely! Old Gentleman-Oh, I hadn't noticed it.

Have you got it with you? Her Mother Was Right.

Fanny (who lives across the street)-What caused you to give up your singing, Ethel? I never hear your voice any more. Ethel Screecher—Oh, mother persuaded me to give it up. You see, Fanny, we are keeping boarders now.

A Strange Literary Undertaking. St. James's Gazette. He-Do you read the current fiction of the She-Not very extensively. I am ashamed to say. However, I did wade through "Robert Elsmere," and I intend to read this "pigs in clover" which everybody is talking

Safe for a Rest.

Lynchburg Virginian. "Are you going away this summer?" said one merchant to another. "No. I am going to the store every day; but I have made arrangements to take a rest.

"I took my advertisement out of the pa-

A Smart Husband.

Wife-I am a thousand times obliged to you, George, for this beautiful diamond ring, but ain't you a little extravagant? Husband-No, not at all. The ring cost \$300, but I'll get the money back in a short

"In what way?" "You will not need so many new gloves

A Poor Conductor.

Superintendent of an electric railway (to applicant for position)-What is your name? Applicant-Wood, sir. 'You want to be appointed conductor?" "Yes, sir.

"Can't take you sir." "Why not?"

"Electric experts say that wood is a poor The Rashness of Despair. Merchant Traveler.

"Sir." said a tramp to a traveling man, will you give me five cents?" "What would you do with it?" "I would go to the railway lunch-counter and eat a ham sandwich.

"Rash man! No, I would not be guilty of

assisting you to such an act. Here are

ten cents-get two beers and operate on the free lunch. A Mutual Deceit.

Saysit Anyhowe-How did you ever come to marry Mrs. B—! Grinand Barrett (frankly)—I married her for her money, she said she'd be worth a million on her wedding day-estimated me at that figure, you know. Saysit Anyhowe-Why, she deceived you Grinand Barrett-Well, I was deceived,

think how she got left! Used to Rough Treatment.

that's a fact, but Great Scott! man, just

Editor Oklahoma Paper (to applicant)-I am going to take a rest, sir, and I am looking for a man to fill the editorial chair during my absence. Do you think that you could stand it to be kicked around, sir, and to have a piece gouged out of you now and

Applicant-Stand it! Why, I always did do my own milking, sir, and for the last few years I've been shaving myself.
"You are the man, sir. Take the editors al chair at ouce."